

REMARKS

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Claims 1-35 are pending. The amendments are clearly supported in the original claims.

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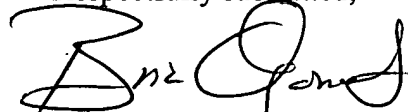


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## ATTACHMENT A

Hereby marked up versions of the amendeded claims are provided, showing all amendments explicitly, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.21(c)(1)(ii).

1. (Amended) A gaming system comprising:
  - a display;
  - a memory [programmed] for, at least, controlling a game played on the gaming system;
  - processing circuitry connected to receive instructions from the memory and to output signals for controlling the display; and
  - a border at least partially surrounding [at least a portion of] the display, the border comprising a plurality of lamps of multiple colors, the lamps being selectively illuminated, pursuant to signals from the processing circuitry, [in a manner that changes based on variable aspects of the gaming system] to create a plurality of visual effects that change based on variable aspects of the gaming machine during operation.

25. (Twice Amended) A method performed by a gaming machine, the gaming machine having a plurality of lamps of different colors forming a border at least partially surrounding a display of the gaming machine, the method comprising:
  - selectively illuminating [a plurality of] the lamps in [a] the border [surrounding at least a portion of a display of the gaming machine, wherein the plurality of lamps are selectively illuminated in a manner that changes based on variable aspects of the gaming machine] to create a plurality of visual effects that change based on aspects of the gaming machine during operation.

32. (Amended) The gaming system of Claim 1, wherein the border [surrounding at least a portion of the display comprising a border having] comprises the plurality of lamps at least along two sides of the display.

33. (Amended) The gaming system of Claim 32, wherein the border [surrounding at least a portion of the display] comprises a plurality of lamps extending around adjacent sides of the display.

34. (Amended) The method of Claim 25, wherein selectively illuminating [a plurality of] the lamps in [a] the border [surrounding at least a portion of the display] comprises selectively illuminating a plurality of lamps in a border along at least two sides of the display.

35. (Amended) The method of Claim 34, wherein selectively illuminating [a plurality of] the lamps in [a] the border [surrounding at least a portion of the display] comprises selectively illuminating a plurality of lamps along at least two adjacent sides of the display.